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My dear Johnson:

After heartily thanking you for your letter, (and also, through you, Theodore for his,) allow me to request, if you do not happen to be otherwise engaged, that you will come after tea on Wednesday evening next, and spend an hour or two with me in social chit-chat at Wendell's boarding-house, 155 East 10th street. Of course, in this invitation I include Mary-Ana. It would give me great pleasure to see Theodore, also, at the same time; but his living in Brooklyn makes it reasonably out of the question. I will not fail to see him, however, on my return from Washington.

I mean to improve the kind and generous overture, contained in both your letters, to write for the Independent—with this proviso, that what I shall send must be as freely abridged, or omitted wholly, as though the author were unknown. Remember this.



No credit was given to the London Daily News (in which it appeared editorially) for the handsome notice of me and the Liberator in the article copied by the Independent. I presume the omission was unintentional. If so, might it not be well to let the readers of the Independent know from what source it came? No doubt Miss Martineau wrote the article.

I feel inexpressibly sad at the breach which has taken place in the Anti-Slavery ranks, especially with W. P. I presume my letter about him in the Independent will be taken by him as a mortal affront, as it was certainly sharp and pointed. But I can stand anything but an imputation upon my fidelity to the colored race; and I know not why he should be allowed to hold us all up to view as hauling down our flag, and beating a retreat, without being strongly rebuked for it. Perhaps he will as sharply respond to my letter in the next Independent.

Hastily, but affectionately yours,  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Oliver Johnson.

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